

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application:)	
Taylor, et al.)	BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No.: To be Assigned)	Customer No.: 21378
Filed: Herewith)	Docket No.: AUS-2265-AL
For: ACCESS SEALING APPARATUS AND METHOD)	

Mail Stop Patent Applications
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

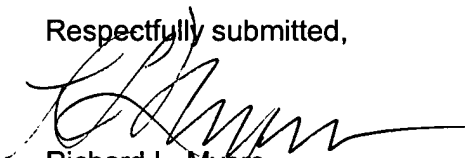
Enclosed please find a copy of PTO Form SB/08a which lists information which may be relevant to the prosecution of the above-captioned application. It is requested that this information be considered by the Office.

This Statement is being submitted under the terms of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). The information is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, it is believed no fee is due.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), it is understood that filing of the Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information submitted is material to patentability.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any over-payment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-2215.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard L. Myers
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 26,490

Date: February 9 2004

22872 Avenida Empresa
Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688
Telephone (949) 713-8000
Facsimile (949) 713-8206

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

6

Complete if Known

Application Number	Not Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Taylor
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	AUS-2265-AL

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 5,782,817	07-21-1998	Franzel, et al	
		US- 6,135,660	10-24-2000	Stevens, et al.	
		US- 5,201,714	04-13-1993	Gentelia et al	
		US- 5,989,232	11-23-1999	Yoon	
		US- 5,599,348	02-04-1997	Gentelia et al	
		US- 3,835,854	09-17-1974	Jewett	
		US- 6,077,219	06-20-2000	Viebach et al.	
		US- 6,010,494	01-04-2000	Schafer et al	
		US- 5,788,676	08-04-1998	Yoon	
		US- 5,389,080	02-14-1995	Yoon	
		US- 6,228,068	05-08-2001	Yoon	
		US- 5,460,616	10-24-1995	Weinstein et al	
		US- 6,238,373	05-29-2001	de la Torre, et al	
		US- 4,379,458	04-12-1983	Bauer, et al	
		US- 5,261,895	11-16-1993	Kablik	
		US- 5,356,394	10-18-1994	Farley et al	
		US- 5,397,314	03-14-1995	Farley et al.	
		US- 5,807,338	09-15-1998	Smith et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

2

of

6

Complete if Known

Application Number	Not Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Taylor
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	AUS-2265-AL

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 5,980,493	11-09-1999	Smith et al.	
		US- 6,030,403	02-29-2000	Long et al.	
		US- 5,591,192	01-07-1997	Privitera et al.	
		US- 5,591,192	01-07-1997	Privitera et al.	
		US- 5,817,061	10-06-1998	Goodwin et al.	
		US- 5,569,291	10-29-1996	Privitera et al.	
		US- 5,201,714	04-13-1993	Gentelia et al.	
		US- 5,599,348	02-04-1997	Gentelia et al.	
		US- 6,135,660	10-24-2000	Stevens et al.	
		US- 6,077,219	06-20-2000	Viebach et al.	
		US- 5,429,609	07-04-1995	Yoon	
		US- 3,835,854	09-17-1974	Jewett	
		US- 5,346,498	09-13-1994	Greelis et al.	
		US- 299,532	06-03-1884	E.L. Fitch	
		US- 5,391,153	02-21-1995	Haber et al.	
		US- 4,917,668	04-17-1990	Haindl	
		US- 5,827,238	10-27-1998	Kelley	
		US- 5,489,274	02-06-1996	Chu et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
Signature

Date
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 3 of 6

Complete if Known

Application Number	Not Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Taylor
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	AUS-2265-AL

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 5,478,318	12-26--1995	Yoon	
		US- 3,970,089	07-20-1976	Saice	
		US- 3,434,691	03-25-1969	Hamilton	
		US- 1,215,512	02-13-1917	Fetzer	
		US- 426,635	06-13-2000	Haberland et al	
		US- 364,924	12-05-1995	Medema	
		US- 362,066	09-05-1995	Petruschke et al.	
		US- 6,010,494	01-04-2000	Schafer et al	
		US- 5,989,233	11-23-1999	Yoon	
		US- 5,989,232	11-23-1999	Yoon	
		US- 5,913,847	06-22-1999	Yoon	
		US- 5,814,026	09-29-1998	Yoon	
		US- 5,788,676	08-04-1998	Yoon	
		US- 5,782,817	07-21-1998	Franzel	
		US- 5,542,931	08-06-1996	Gravener	
		US- 5,460,616	10-24-1995	Weinstein, et al.	
		US- 5,441,486	08-15-1995	Yoon	
		US- 5,389,080	02-14-1995	Yoon	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

4

of

6

Complete if Known

Application Number	Not Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Taylor
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	AUS-2265-AL

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 5,360,417	11-01-1994	Gravener et al.	
		US- 4,475,548	01-09-1984	Muto	
		US- 3,402,710	09-24-1968	Paleschuck	
		US- 5,743,883	04-28-1998	Visconti	
		US- 5,397,314	03-14-1995	Farley et al	
		US- 5,356,394	10-18-1994	Farley	
		US- 5,261,895	11-16-1993	Kablik	
		US- 4,261,357	04-14-1981	Kontos	
		US- 4,233,982	11-18-1980	Bauer, et al.	
		US- 5,395,342	03-07-1995	Yoon	
		US- 2,858,095	10-28-1958	Harris, et al.	
		US- 4,535,773	08-20-1985	Yoon	
		US- 4,566,480	01-28-1986	Parham	
		US- 5,002,557	03-26-1991	Hasson	
		US- 5,074,334	12-24-1991	Onodera	
		US- 5,116,353	05-26-1992	Green	
		US- 5,141,498	08-25-1992	Christian	
		US- 5,176,648	01-05-1993	Holme et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

5

of

6

Complete if Known

Application Number	Not Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Taylor
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	AUS-2265-AL

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 5,211,633	05-18-1993	Stouder, Jr.	
		US- 5,241,990	09-07-1993	Cook	
		US- 5,256,149	10-26-1993	Banik et al.	
		US- 5,271,380	12-21-1993	Riek et al.	
		US- 5,318,585	06-07-1994	Guy et al.	
		US- 5,350,362	09-27-1994	Stouder, Jr.	
		US- 5,403,290	04-04-1995	Noble	
		US- 5,423,796	06-13-1995	Shikhman et al.	
		US- 5,152,053	04-30-1996	Pearson et al.	
		US- 5,538,509	07-23-1996	Dunlap et al.	
		US- 5,554,124	09-10-1996	Alvarado	
		US- 5,578,016	11-26-1996	Zinger	
		US- 5,584,847	12-17-1996	Dulucio et al.	
		US- 5,613,954	03-25-1997	Nelson et al.	
		US- 5,697,913	12-16-1997	Sierocuk et al.	
		US- 5,709,664	01-20-1998	Vandenbroek, et al	
		US- 5,709,671	01-20-1998	Stephens et al.	
		US- 5,720,730	02-24-1998	Blake, III	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

6

of

6

Complete if Known

Application Number	Not Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Taylor
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	AUS-2265-AL

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 5,730,728	03-24-1998	Hoskin, et al.	
		US- 5,772,678	06-30-1998	Thomason et al.	
		US- 5,776,112	07-07-1998	Stephens, et al.	
		US- 5,807,338	09-15-1998	Smith, et al.	
		US- 5,820,660	10-13-1998	Carlson et al.	
		US- 5,865,812	02-02-1999	Correia	
		US- 5,882,348	03-16-1999	Winterton et al.	
		US- 5,925,041	07-20-1999	Long et al.	
		US- 5,941,852	08-24-1999	Dunlap et al.	
		US- 5,980,493	11-09-1999	Smith et al.	
		US- 6,017,356	01-25-2000	Frederick et al.	
		US- 6,030,403	02-29-2000	Long et al.	
		US- 6,090,094	07-18-2000	Clifford	
		US- 6,217,556	04-17-2001	Ellingson et al.	
		US- 6,206,861	03-27-2001	Mayer	
		US- 5,522,831	06-04-1996	Sleister, et al.	
		US- 5,308,336	05-03-1994	Hart et al.	
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	† ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
Signature

Date
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.